

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:60

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FIRING ON LoC

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) The number of times Pakistan has opened fire on Indian Army posts in Jammu and Kashmir in violation of ceasefire agreement;
- (b) the number of soldiers and civilians killed/injured during the said firing;
- (c) the amount of compensation paid to the dependents of deceased soldiers and civilians;
- (d) the outcome of flag meetings held with Pakistani counterpart to resolve the issue;
- (e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure peace on the LoC/border;
- (f) whether the incidents of terrorist attacks have been on increase in J&K;
- (g) if so, the details of such attacks reported during the last six months; and
- (h) the number of cases of cross border infiltration reported during each of the last three years till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 60 FOR 3.3.2005

Firing from across the Line of Control (LOC) on the Indian Army posts has been reported, once in November 2004, twice in January 2005 and once in February 2005, in violation of the ceasefire agreement.

No soldier or civilian has been killed or wounded in the aforesaid firing incidents. The question of payment of compensation to the dependents of the deceased soldier and civilians, therefore, does not arise.

The issue of four instances of firing from across the border was raised by Director General Military Operations (DGMO) with his Pakistan counterpart. Flag meetings at local levels were also held in November 2004 and January 2005. The Pakistani side denied complicity of Pakistani troops in opening fire and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to uphold the ceasefire.

The ceasefire on the border with Pakistan is being upheld. All possible measures like fencing on LOC, Operation 'Sadbhavana', to win hearts and minds of the people, Confidence Building Measures (CBMs), etc., have been taken to ensure that peace on the border continues.

There is no perceptible increase in terrorist attacks in J&K in recent times.

Details of estimated infiltration cases during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Infiltration Cases
2002	1729
2003	1313
2004	507
January 2005	12